Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 23 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Oct 2021 at 03:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for change to milder conditions over the weekend but it will be windy. Also high confidence for rain towards dusk on Saturday, clearing Sunday morning.

Headline for Saturday 23 Oct 2021: Mostly dry, bright spells. Rain edging eastwards during evening. Very windy over higher ridges, summits and feeling bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	40%	50%

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Weather: Mainly cloudy with some hill fog but some brighter spells across Cromdale and Strathdon. Patchy light rain will extend eastwards during the afternoon, turning heavier this evening in southwest of area towards Ben Alder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 30% during afternoon and early evening.

Visibility: Mostly good in the morning and early afternoon with much of the cloud cover up about 800 to 900m. It will turn hazy later in afternoon in south and west of area with poor visibility as rain sets in. Also clouds coming lower down the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	38/48 S	42/55 S	39/54 S	36/51 S	40/58 S	39/56 S	38/55 S
900	38/46 S	47/57 S	40/54 S	36/48 S	38/53 S	37/52 S	37/51 S
600	30/39 S	33/47 S	30/45 S	24/38 S	25/40 S	24/40 S	23/38 S
300	8/21 SW	14/32 S	18/38 S	15/33 S	14/32 S	15/33 S	13/30 S
Glen	7/26 S	8/28 S	8/30 S	7/27 S	6/26 S	6/25 S	5/22 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-10	0/-9	1/-7	2/-6	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4
900	8/2	5/-2	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	6/-0	6/1
600	8/2	6/0	7/2	8/3	8/3	8/4	9/4
300	6/3	8/4	9/6	10/7	10/7	11/8	11/8
Glen	6/2	8/5	10/7	11/9	11/8	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	1800m	1900m	2100m	2300m	2400m	2500m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions in the very strong winds over higher ridges and summits. Also feeling bitterly cold.

Forecast for Sunday 24 Oct 2021
Weather: A cloudy start but the last of overnight rain soon clearing away. Then drier and becoming brighter during the morning with sunny spells and a few showers in the afternoon, these mainly towards Monadhliath mountains.

Maximum wind: Not as windy as Saturday but still southwesterly gales on the tops. Average speeds of 30 to 40mph with gusts 55mph, possibly 60 over the Plateau later in the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Generally good with overcast conditions at first then occasional cloud cover following, bases about 700 to 800m. Patches of poor visibility in rain at first and showers in northwest later where cloud cover will be more extensive.

Temperature: **Glens:** 7 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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